

# COMMUNITY

## Placemaking

From the start, High Point residents and the greater neighborhood were engaged with Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) and the City in the community placemaking process.

Through many meetings and collaborative design workshops, the residents and planners kept their eyes on making High Point a home for children and people of all ages and cultures. Placemaking is an ongoing process, and programs focused on afterschool activities, daycare, healthcare and community gardening will keep residents engaged as neighborhood stewards.

▼ High Point's residents speak many languages—Vietnamese, Spanish, Amharic, Khmer, Somali, Tagalog and Tigrinya.



► Residents were polled as to their house design preferences.



► Child's drawing of their future community.



▲ Residents move back into newly completed homes, Summer 2005.

## Partnerships

From early on, SHA embarked on a unique partnership with area residents and employees from many different agencies to assemble solid funding plans, legislation packages and planning documents, all with the common vision of a new High Point. SHA continues to serve a central role on the redevelopment project as owner, master plan developer, manager of financing and operations, and leader of all collaborative efforts at High Point.

West Seattle community members, SHA staff and the City have been working on High Point as a collaborative endeavor since 1999. Mithūn, SvR Design and Nakano Associates have served as design consultants throughout the redevelopment process on site planning and building development.

2004  
FEB  
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Phase I streets and houses are being removed.  
Straw is laid down for erosion control.  
Large trees are being left in place with protective fences.  
New health clinic and public library are opening.

2004  
SEPT  
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Preparation for the porous pavement block is underway.  
Market Garden P-Patch is taking its new shape.  
First block of homes are under construction; second block gets its foundations.

# PUBLIC SPACES

**Civic Buildings** and spaces help knit together the new mixed-income community with the neighborhood. High Point's new civic projects include:

- a library with community meeting room
- a medical & dental clinic
- an on-site neighborhood center
- an expanded public community center
- local retail services

► High Point's Seattle Public Library



**Open Space** also encourages a feeling of community and brings people together. Special attention has been paid to good design, attractive amenities and active use in these spaces. Highlights include:

- gathering space in Central Commons Park
- benches & mailbox shelters in pocket parks
- Market Garden P-Patch
- connection to Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail

◀ The Market Garden P-Patch fence, a community art project guided by Pomegranate Center



▲ High Point Community Center

◀ Market Garden P-Patch in bloom

▼ High Point Dental and Medical Clinic

